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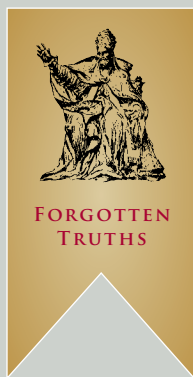
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## God Never Abandons His Church

BY POPE PIUS XI

Bishops and religious superiors should not be deterred from . . . needful severity by fear of diminishing the number of priests for the diocese or institute. The Angelic Doctor Saint Thomas Aquinas long ago proposed this difficulty, and answers it with his usual lucidity and wisdom: "God never abandons His Church; and so the number of priests will be always sufficient for the needs of the faithful, provided the worthy are advanced and the unworthy sent away." The same Doctor and Saint, basing himself upon the severe words quoted by the fourth Ecumenical Council of the Lateran, observes to Our purpose: "Should it ever become impossible to maintain the present number, it is better to have a few good priests than a multitude of bad ones." It was in this sense that We Ourselves, on the solemn occasion of the international pilgrimage of seminarists during the year of Our priestly jubilee, addressing an imposing group of Italian Archbishops and Bishops, reaffirmed that one well trained priest is worth more than many



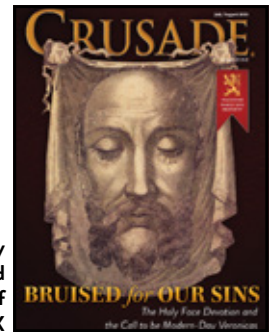
"It is better to have a few good priests than a multitude of bad ones." – Saint Thomas Aquinas

trained badly or scarcely at all. For such would be not merely unreliable but a likely source of sorrow to the Church. What a terrifying account, Venerable Brethren, We shall have to give to the Prince of Shepherds, to the Supreme Bishop of souls, if We have handed over these souls to incompetent guides and incapable leaders.

Taken from the Encyclical Letter *Ad Catholicos Sacerdotii* (On the Catholic Priesthood), 1935. <https://www.papalencyclicals.net/pius11/p11catho.htm>.

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## THE AMERICAN TFP

The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) is an organization of lay Catholic Americans concerned about the moral crisis shaking the remnants of Christian civilization. Its earliest origins date back to January 1971, when the first TFP members started to group around the publication *Crusade for a Christian Civilization*. It is a civic, cultural and nonpartisan organization which, inspired by the traditional teachings of the Supreme Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church, works in a legal and peaceful manner in the realm of ideas to defend

and promote the principles of private ownership, family and perennial Christian values with their twofold function: individual and social. The TFP's words and efforts have always been faithfully at the service of Christian civilization. The first TFP was founded in Brazil by the famous intellectual and Catholic leader Prof. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira in 1960. His work inspired the formation of other autonomous TFP sister organizations across the globe, thus constituting the world's largest anticommunist and anti-socialist network of Catholic inspiration.



IN BRIEF

### Survey Reveals Moral Divide in America

A nationwide poll by NBC News revealed a sharp divide among Americans over key moral and cultural issues such as the LGBT agenda, race, and “wokeism.” Fifty percent of Americans, mostly Republicans and Independents, believed society should respect traditional moral values while forty-two percent, mostly Democrats, said society should promote more “tolerance” and “diversity.” Forty-eight percent of Americans also believed that the transgender agenda has gone “too far,” while, forty-three percent said it has “not gone far enough.” NBC has noted that these numbers are largely unchanged since a similar poll was conducted in 2013.

### Pro-Abortion/LGBT Amendment Voted Down in U.S. Senate

The latest attempt by Senate Democrats to revive the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was shot down in the U.S. Senate by a 47–51 vote. By amending the Constitution to prohibit discrimination based on sex, conservatives have long warned that the Equal Rights Amendment would protect abortion access and the LGBT agenda under federal law, giving the government the power to restore abortion, overturn all existing pro-life laws, and persecute Americans who support traditional family values. For decades, Democrats have worked tirelessly to add the ERA to the Constitution, but have been unable to gather enough support for it to pass.



### Classical Music Reduces Crime

To deter rampant crime and homelessness, Los Angeles

officials have been playing classical music in the city’s downtown metro station. According to LA Metro spokesman Dave Sotero, the music is being used “to restore safety at the transit station” and “as a means to support an atmosphere appropriate for spending short periods of time for transit customers who wait an average of five to ten minutes for the next train to arrive.” So far, playing classical music has caused a “seventy-five percent reduction in calls for emergency services, an over fifty percent reduction in vandalism, graffiti, and cleanups; and a nearly twenty percent drop in crime.” Despite such positive effects, several leftist critics called the music “psychological torture” and claimed that it promotes an “elitist” atmosphere.

### Eat Insects to Save the Environment?

The European Union approved a new regulation allowing

food producers to use cricket powder and mealworms instead of traditional flour for various grain products, baked goods, sauces, vegetable-based dishes, whey powder, meat substitutes, soups, beer-like beverages, chocolate confectionary, nuts and oilseeds, snacks other than chips, and meat preparations “intended for the general population.” The new regulations echo ongoing calls by ecologists and policymakers to replace the human consumption of meat, eggs, and grain with synthetic protein and insects, claiming that switching to alternative food sources will help stem climate change and conserve the environment.



### Texas and Arkansas to Erect Pro-Life Monuments

On March 20, 2023, Arkansas Republican Governor Sarah Huckabee signed a new bill into law to allow the erecting of a monument “commemorating unborn children aborted during the era of *Roe v. Wade*” on the grounds of the state Capitol. The bill was passed by a large majority in both the state Senate and House earlier in the month. A month later the Texas State Senate approved by a 20–10 vote to initiate a process for the construction of a replica of the “National Life Monument” on state Capitol grounds. “A replica of the monument on the Capitol grounds would provide a communal place for Texans to celebrate the beauty of human life,” the resolution stated.

### Pro-Family Victory Rocks the Netherlands

The Dutch pro-family organization, Civitas Christiana, a sister organization of the TFP, successfully stopped LGBT activist and pro-pedophilia author Pim Lammers from writing and distributing a poem for Dutch children. After Civitas Christiana gathered over 7,200 protest signatures, equivalent to approximately 100,000 people in the United States, Lammers withdrew from writing the poem. The unexpected victory sparked a nationwide debate and media uproar that lasted over one month with the LGBT movement, media, and even Prime Minister Mark Rutte defending Lammers while attacking Hugo Bos, secretary of Civitas Christiana, for his traditional Catholic views on family and marriage. ■



# Girls Versus Boys

## PART II

BY FR. RAOUL PLUS, S.J.



CHRIST IN  
THE HOME

Everyday experiences give many examples of the distinctive differences between the two sexes, especially during adolescence: the egocentric interests of the boy, and the self-radiating tendencies of the girl. The boy thinks about his future exploits; the girl dreams of possible children. In one, love of glory; in the other, love of love itself. The following bit of conversation between two sisters is in itself an amusing commentary on feminine adolescent psychology.

- “What are you thinking of,” the twelve-year-old asked her fifteen-year-old sister, “of your future husband?”
- “A husband,” protested the elder, “I am too young, I have a lot of time before I begin thinking of a husband!”
- “Well then what are you thinking about?”
- “I was planning what kind of trimmings I would have on my wedding dress.”

Even when we take into account the differences created by nature between boys and girls, we still must make allowances for different temperaments within the sexes. Each child lives in a world of his own, in a world that is strangely different from the world of those about him. With one individual, maternal influence will have greater force; with another, paternal influence. One child may have vigorous health, whereas another is delicate. In the one a melancholy temperament may predominate; in another, the exact opposite, a sanguine temperament with extrovert tendencies. One child may be calm and poised; another, a little bundle of nerves.

Consequently, if the educator has but one method of dealing with all, a single and only method, he can expect to meet with disappointments. However, in providing for these individual differences a real problem must be faced: It is not sufficient to correct the one child and refrain from correcting the other; to congratulate the one and ignore the success of the other and so on through all the possible variations that might be in order. All this must be done while preserving the impression of treating all alike. If

children perceive, as they sometimes do with reason, that there is partiality shown to one or other of the family, authority is broken down, jealousy enters, and soon constant wrangling results. The ideal is to maintain poise, serenity, evenness of temper, and a steadiness of behavior that nothing can upset.

Superiors of religious orders are advised to make use of a practice which is beneficial for all—an honest examination periodically of their faithful fulfillment of the trust confided to them. Have I given evidence of any partiality or any unjustifiable toleration of wrong? Have I seen to it that the rules have been observed, the customs of the order and its holy traditions held in honor? In what way are things not going as they should? In this way, one can make the necessary corrections either in one’s person or one’s work.

If only parents would make it a habit to practice this counsel suggested to monks: Stop a moment to observe the train pass; look to see if the lighting functions, if the wheels are well oiled, if there is any need to fear for the connections. People do that from time to time in regard to their personal life and we call it a retreat. It is strongly advisable to make a retreat to examine oneself on the conduct and management of the home, of one’s profession; such a retreat should be sufficiently frequent to prevent painful surprises. Our Lord said that when one wishes to build a tower, he sits down to calculate the cost and requirements for a solid structure. What a tower is the Christian home! That is something to construct! How necessary are foundations that will not crumble, materials that will hold solidly! How essential an able contractor, attention to every detail, care to check every stone, exactitude in the measurements for every story!

Perhaps I have forgotten to sit down . . . to calculate . . . to get on my knees. There is still time! ■

Taken from *Christ in the Home* by Fr. Raoul Plus, S.J., Frederick Pustet Co., Inc. Publishers, New York and Cincinnati.



# Only the Pursuit of Wisdom Can Overcome the Triumph of Nihilism

BY JOHN HORVAT II

Friedrich Nietzsche foresaw that a time would come when people would be confused about the meaning and purpose of life. In 1887, he wrote that the scientific-materialist worldview of his time would usher in “the advent of nihilism.” He defined this state as a spiritual condition in which “an aim is missing and the question ‘why?’ finds no answer.”

The ramblings of the German philosopher come to mind when trying to understand a recent study that found that American teenagers, especially young girls, are increasingly sad and despondent. The report shows that America has reached an advanced state of nihilism since youth, which should be most given to optimism, has plunged into dark gloom.

## Something Different

This tragic trend is not the “ordinary” youth rebellion that characterized post-Second World War America. This new generation is different from others in that it serves no specific causes and organizes no mass protests against supposed injustices. More often than not, its action is characterized by inaction and inertia. Many (not all) of this teen generation shun direct social interaction that can lead to

meaningful relationships.

The result is that teenagers are increasingly afflicted by “persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness.” The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that they are much more likely to harbor suicidal thoughts and act on them than in past generations. The age of suicide is becoming ever younger, with some occurring in those under ten.

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey is usually conducted every two years based on the opinions of 17,000 high school students nationwide. Every report since 2011 has reported increases in mental disorders in youth.

This hopelessness reflects a turning point as youth face a broken society without anchors or points of reference.

## Framing the Debate

Commentators are quick to find causes for this disorder that suit their leanings. Some blame the advent of social media and the iPhone for these new anxieties. These developments contributed to the problem by introducing a shallowness of thought that prevents people from thinking through life’s



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life’s ups and downs. This innocence will mature throughout their lives and aid them in practicing the virtue of wisdom.

Answering Nietzsche’s advent of nihilism is another German philosopher, Josef Pieper, who celebrates the pursuit of wisdom, commonly defined as finding the highest cause of things and acting accordingly. Pieper writes of wisdom: “To know ‘the highest cause,’ then, does not mean to know the cause of some particular thing, but to know the cause of everything and of all things: it means to know the ‘whither’ and the ‘whence,’ the origin and the end, the plan and the structure, the framework and the meaning of reality.”

Indeed, a framework of wisdom allows individuals to understand and deal with reality. It creates a culture full of meaning and will necessarily lead to God and sanctification.

challenges. When everything is instantaneous, people have no time to ponder the question, “why?”

However, this change of pace and depth does not have the substance to cause such disastrous effects on the lives of countless teenagers. Something deeper is gnawing at the souls of these poor unfortunate teens.

Derek Thompson of *The Atlantic* wrote an essay that polarized the causes. He claims liberals blame teenage anxieties on the fear of school shootings, climate change or even the omnipresent and unpredictable antics of Donald Trump. Conservatives might point to identity politics, social unrest or conspiracy theories. The Covid-era lockdowns unlocked fears and anxieties across the board.

Again, such an analysis misses the mark. These problems might contribute to the effects of this malaise. However, youth have always faced crises in history. Anything can be the cause of insecurity, especially among inexperienced youth. The present hopelessness speaks of something much more fundamental. It suggests that the means of understanding problems and dealing with threats have fallen apart. When these faculties are gone, everything becomes threatening. It leads to the snowflake that cannot deal with adversity or understand reality.

### **The Whither and the Whence**

What is missing is the child’s sense of innocence. Innocence is that innate ability in children where they pursue with exuberance an understanding of the universe. It is the desire to know the essence of things, to seek after and imagine perfections, absolutes, and ideals. Inside a world of wonder, children develop the desire to penetrate and know God.

Childhood is that window of opportunity when children learn to ask and answer the question of why. Innocence helps them build a framework to understand the problem and rationally deal with

### **The Terrible Void**

Many things attack childhood innocence—a hypersexualized culture, irreligion, sin, secular education, Drag Queen Story Hours, and broken families.

However, the most terrifying and traumatic factor causing this hopelessness is the loss of childhood innocence. Children grow up with the idea that there is no framework to understand the universe beyond the fantasies they are encouraged to create. They are told there is no “whither” and “whence.” Everything is matter in random motion without purpose. There is no Highest Cause from which all meaning flows.

This terrible void permeates everything and everywhere. The frustrated innocence of countless teenagers turns to escape, hopelessness, and nihilism. The solution lies not only in attacking those things that threaten innocence but in filling the void inside the soul with the “whither” and “whence.” Then, the question of “why?” can find an answer. ■

### **Join Our Podcast**

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Hosted by Edwin Benson, Matthew Miller, and John Horvat II himself, *The Return to Order Moment* brings you insight, analysis, and information for a culture in crisis.

# The First Cry of Alarm: *In Defense of Catholic Action*

BY JULIO LOREDO



This year marks the eightieth anniversary of the publication of the book *In Defense of Catholic Action*, by Professor Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira. This book denounced the germs of progressivism inside the Church in Brazil with remarkable prophetic insights.

Adapted from the book *Liberation Theology: How Marxism Infiltrated the Catholic Church*, written by Julio Loredó de Izcúe, this article tells the story of Professor Corrêa de Oliveira's bombshell book.

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In his book on the Second Vatican Council, Professor Roberto de Mattei writes:

“With regard to the new heterodox tendencies that were beginning to spread in the Church, the first cry of alarm came unexpectedly from Latin America, where progressivism had arrived during the thirties via the central European liturgical movement. . . .

. . . In June 1943 his [Professor Corrêa de Oliveira]

*“Evil was being spread with great art, skill, and capacity to recruit. So, amid general incautiousness, we needed to sound a cry of alert to call everyone’s attention. . . . It was a kamikaze gesture.”*

book entitled *In Defense of Catholic Action* was published with a preface by the nuncio Benedetto Aloisi Masella. . . . The work . . . was the first thoroughgoing refutation of the deviations that were lurking within Catholic Action in Brazil and, upon reflection, in the world.”<sup>1</sup>

At the time, Professor Corrêa de Oliveira was president of the Archdiocesan Board of Catholic Action of São Paulo and already a prominent Catholic figure in Brazil. A sharp observer, he

saw the deleterious action of the revolutionary process that, while diluting the influence of the Church by driving people ever further away from religious practice, undermined in their mentality the very foundations of the Faith. That process, later called secularization, was welcomed by the Catholic sectors influenced by the humanist, anti-capitalist, and anti-bourgeois new Christendom approach proposed by Jacques Maritain. On the other hand, there was the challenge posed by the equally secularized totalitarian movements, in that the solutions they offered were false and founded on nationalistic or racist ideals rather than on the restoration of Christian principles.

Faced with this double challenge, Professor Corrêa de Oliveira defended the autonomy of the Church: “Catholics must be anti-communist, anti-Nazi, anti-liberal, anti-socialist . . . precisely because they are Catholic.”<sup>2</sup> He advocated a strong and resolute apostolate that would challenge secular movements on their own ground, for example, through marches of young Catholics with lots of flags and marching bands. He thus correctly interpreted their appetite for symbols that evoked order and hierarchy, certain that they would attract scores of young idealists to the Church. However, his proposals were not taken up by the leadership, already more prone to dialogue and compromise than to teach and lead. History has recorded the archbishop of São Paulo’s prohibition for 15,000 young men to parade through the city streets during the Regional Conference of Marian Sodality in 1935.

While it is difficult to make historical conjectures, it is legitimate to wonder (and some scholars have),<sup>3</sup> what the outcome would have been had the hierarchy adopted the pastoral policy proposed by Professor Corrêa de Oliveira. In other words, a strong, defined, and militant Catholicism that tended to a sacralization of civil society, i.e., the restoration of Christian civilization. The Catholic leader was convinced that such an approach could reverse the



impending crisis. Massimo Introvigne comments that from Professor Corrêa de Oliveira's action "emerges the idea that the 'less religion' instead of a 'more religion' solution to the Church's problems . . . does not date from 1950 and the influence of Brazilian and foreign priests enraptured with Marxism but was already very much present in the 1940s."<sup>4</sup>

As many Catholic circles tended to engage in dialogue and succumb to modern errors ("less religion"), the infiltration of such errors grew, finding justification in new theological schools. As president of the archdiocesan Catholic Action, Professor Corrêa de Oliveira realized the vast scope of that infiltration. Initially, he tried to counter it by intervening in the movement to bring it back to the intent of Pius XI. However, his action was severely hampered. At that point, he made a decision he himself explains:

"It was precisely then that tragedy struck, provoked by the progressive germs. . . .

".. Evil was being spread with great art, skill, and capacity to recruit. So, amid general incautiousness, we needed to sound a cry of alert to call everyone's attention. Thus it was that . . . we published the bombshell book, *In Defense of Catholic Action*. It was a kamikaze gesture. Either progressivism would be blown up, or we would."<sup>5</sup>

Without underestimating a theological and canonical analysis, to which he devotes several chapters, Professor Corrêa de Oliveira was especially intent on denouncing the crisis as it was actually lived in the ranks of the Catholic movement, with special attention to the new mentality that undergird it. Of particular interest is the third part ("Internal Problems of Catholic Action"), in which the Brazilian leader denounces the growing laxity in the admission of new members and in the expulsion of those who had shown themselves unworthy. Those who subscribed to the new mentality refused to condemn erroneous doctrines or punish improper attitudes, justifying their liberalism as an obligation of charity. They explicitly rejected the Church's militant character and adopted instead a do-good attitude tending to relativism. The author then devotes several pages to the question of fashions, ambiences, dances, manners and customs, and other similar issues, showing how much his attention was turned to tendential aspects of the revolutionary phenomenon.



Archbishop Duarte Leopoldo e Silva of São Paulo, Brazil, with Professor Plínio Corrêa de Oliveira on his left.

In the introduction, he calls for action: "Catholic Action . . . would already risk being turned against its own ends if the action of (fortunately) small groups where error did find enthusiastic adepts were not courageously checked."<sup>6</sup> Unfortunately, as Massimo Introvigne observes, "The analysis of the evils of Catholic Action proposed by *In Defense of Catholic Action* remained unheeded. . . . by the majority of bishops and priests."<sup>7</sup> In this regard, we cannot fail to recall Bernardino Cardinal Echeverría's lament at the Catholic leader's 1995 passing, "Ah, if only that voice had been heeded!"<sup>8</sup> ■

#### Notes:

1. Roberto de Mattei, *The Second Vatican Council: An Unwritten Story* (Fitzwilliam, NH: Loreto Publications, 2012), 55, 56.
2. Plínio Corrêa de Oliveira, "Pela grandeza e liberdade da Ação Católica," *O Legionário* (São Paulo), no. 331 (Jan. 15, 1939).
3. See Massimo Introvigne, *Una battaglia nella notte: Plínio Corrêa de Oliveira e la crisi del secolo XX nella chiesa* (Milan: Sugarco Edizioni, 2008).
4. Introvigne, *Una battaglia nella notte*, 44.
5. Plínio Corrêa de Oliveira, "Kamikaze," *Folha de S. Paulo*, Feb. 15, 1969.
6. Plínio Corrêa de Oliveira, *In Defense of Catholic Action*, 23–24. The book's preface was by Most Rev. Benedetto Aloisi Masella, then apostolic nuncio to Brazil and later made a cardinal. In 1949, the book received a letter of praise from the Holy See, signed on behalf of Pope Pius XII by Msgr. Giovanni Battista Montini, then substitute secretary of state.
7. Introvigne, *Una battaglia nella notte*, 48.
8. Bernardino Cardinal Echeverría Ruiz, "Plínio Corrêa de Oliveira: Distinguished Apostle, Ardent and Intrepid Polemist," TFP.org, Nov. 12, 1995.



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# Bruised for Our Sins:

## *The Holy Face Devotion and the Call to be Modern-Day Veronicas*

BY NORMAN FULKERSON



As Our Lord made His way up Calvary, a touching scene occurred with an unknown woman. She was powerless to stop the injustice but simply offered her veil as a sign of compassion. Our Lord gratefully accepted it to wipe His bruised and bloody face. The face of the Savior was miraculously stamped on her veil and she came to be known simply as Veronica from *vera icon* or true image. Her gesture inspired veneration for the Holy Face of Our Redeemer, which continued throughout the history of the Church.

Devotion to the Holy Face flourished during the turbulent nineteenth century with the efforts of Leo Dupont. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux increased it yet more by adding this devotion to her religious name. It is more than fitting that we recall this

important devotion in this 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the birth of the “Little Flower.”

### **The Holy Man of Tours**

Leo Dupont was born into an aristocratic French family during the final years of the French Revolution. Due to the upheavals in his homeland, he was sent to America. He eventually returned and finished his law studies in Paris.

Although the bloodstained guillotines were now silent, a far greater threat remained. The errors promulgated by the French revolutionaries were eroding the faith of Catholic France and spreading throughout the world.

Surrounded by a spirit of irreligion, Leo gave

himself up to numerous apostolic ventures. He distributed Saint Benedict medals by the thousands and was an active member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society where he gave his time and large sums of his money to support the less fortunate. He also promoted all-night vigils honoring Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and desired to spread this nocturnal adoration the world over. Saint Peter Julian Eymard so appreciated his efforts to promote night adoration that he personally visited Leo at his home.

One day Leo, later known as the Holy Man of Tours, was approached by Mother Mary of the Incarnation to ask him something that would change his life. She was the prioress of the Carmelite convent in Tours and was puzzled by the revelations of Our Lord to Sister Mary of Saint Peter and the Holy Family,<sup>1</sup> one of her young novices.

### The Holy Face Devotion

Our Lord asked Sister Mary to found an association to make reparation for the sin of blasphemy.

The Savior revealed to her how blasphemy was like a dagger, continually wounding His Divine Heart. “He told me that he would give me a ‘golden dagger,’ with which to wound Him delightfully, and heal the poisonous wounds caused by sin.”

This marvelous *Golden Arrow Prayer* became central to the Holy Face Devotion but there was one part of the prayer that astonished the nun. It speaks of Our Lord’s Name being glorified even “in hell.”

“He had the goodness to make me understand,” Sister Mary explained, “that His justice was also glorified there . . . and that ‘in hell’ included Purgatory, where He is loved and glorified by the suffering souls.”<sup>2</sup> She saw torrents of graces streaming from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, delightfully wounded by this *Golden Arrow*.

“You cannot comprehend the malice of this sin,” the novice reported. She said Our Lord told her that “Were My Justice not restrained by My Mercy, it would instantly crush the guilty. All creatures, even those that are inanimate would avenge My outraged Honor, but I have an eternity in which to punish them.”<sup>3</sup>

Earthly punishments were not long in coming. On August 26, 1843 the city of Tours was nearly destroyed when the Loire River left its banks causing a flood that caused a generalized panic. Many people recognized this disaster as a punishment from God. Even non-practicing Catholics were forced to acknowledge that it was only through a miracle that the whole city did not perish.

### The Revolutionary Process Continues

Sister Mary also predicted that Our Lord would use not only the elements to punish humanity but

also the “malice of Revolutionary men.”<sup>4</sup>

First among them was a new group called communists, whom Our Lord designated as His worst enemies. Around this time, Friedrich Engels and Karl Marx were putting the finishing touches on their *Communist Manifesto*. The work was commissioned by an international organization called the Communist League. At that time, this anti-clerical sect was active in the intellectual field. However, it soon put theory into practice, provoking worldwide bloodshed untold in history.

The appeal for an association, properly approved by the Church, for honoring the name of God and doing reparation for blasphemy, met with resistance as foretold by Our Lord. The obstacles became so overwhelming that Sister Mary had recourse to the Blessed Mother.

“Oh most Holy Virgin! I implore you to come

### The Golden Arrow Prayer

May the most holy, the most sacred, the most adorable and the most incomprehensible Name of God be always praised, blessed, adored, loved and glorified in Heaven, on earth and in hell, by all the creatures formed by His Sacred Hand and by the loving Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

**Amen.**

to some pious soul in the world and make her a partaker of that which has been communicated to me in reference to France.”

Her prayers were answered. Two months later, news spread across France regarding an apparition of Our Lady in the alpine mountains of La Salette to two children, Melanie and Maximin. She appeared as a weeping Madonna who requested, among other things, penance for the “crime of blasphemy.”

It was the confirmation for which Sister Mary had prayed. Although her short life was coming to an end, she knew that Leo Dupont would continue to work to fulfill this mission.

Sister Mary of Saint Peter died on July 8, 1848 confident that she had done everything requested of her. Six months later, the hatred of the “revolutionary men” mentioned by Our Lord, was directed against

Pope Pius IX. His trusted assistant, Count Pellegrino Rossi, was murdered by members of an anti-clerical secret society called the Carbonari. The following day, the Pope was besieged in his palace of the Quirinal, and forced to accept revolutionary ministers. A week later he escaped in disguise to Gaeta in the Kingdom of Naples.

In January 1849 at his retreat in Gaeta, Pius IX requested public prayers for the Papal States and had the relic of Veronica's veil placed on display for veneration in Rome. Those in attendance were astonished on the third day of the exposition when the image on the veil, formerly so faint as to be barely visible, changed entirely.

"The Divine Face now appeared distinctly, as if living, and was illuminated by a glowing light; the features assumed a deathlike hue, and the eyes, deep sunken, wore an expression of great pain."<sup>5</sup>

An apostolic notary was immediately summoned and a certificate was drawn up and sent to the Pope. Reproductions of the veil were later printed, touched to the original and sent abroad for veneration. One copy fell into the hands of Leo Dupont. Another reached the convent of Lisieux where an anonymous nun named Thérèse was practicing her "little way." She would later become one of the greatest saints in modern times and attributed her spiritual progress to the contemplation of the Face of her Divine Spouse.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux will always be remembered as a devotee of the Divine Infant Jesus but "however tender was her devotion to the Child Jesus, it cannot compare to that which Sister Thérèse felt for the Holy Face."<sup>6</sup>

*"He told me that he would  
give me a 'golden dagger,' with  
which to wound Him delightfully,  
and heal the poisonous wounds  
caused by sin."*

### **Miraculous Image**

Leo made a shrine with his representation of the Holy Face in his small apartment and kept an oil lamp burning in front of it. One day he received a visit from a lady who complained of an unknown malady in her eyes which caused her constant pain. At his suggestion, they prayed together in front of the Holy Face. He then took some oil from the lamp and blessed her eyes with it. To her astonishment, she was immediately cured.

Word of this prodigy spread quickly and throngs of people visited his shrine looking for similar healings. The cures were so numerous that Pope

Pius IX declared Leo Dupont to be perhaps the greatest miracle worker in Church history. Leo eventually took a photo of his picture and had 25,000 lithograph copies made and distributed at his own expense. He also began filling bottles with the oil from his lamp and eventually distributed over one million vials of the miraculous liquid.<sup>7</sup>

The effort for the approval of the *Work of Reparation* came one day when a Fr. Musy visited the Holy Man of Tours. The priest had completely lost his voice because of a throat infection. The local archbishop, Cardinal François Morlot suggested he visit Leo. This just happened to be the same prelate who, five years earlier, had placed the writings of Sister Mary under lock and key. After reciting the Litany to the Holy Face composed by the holy nun, Leo anointed Fr. Musy's throat with the oil. To the astonishment of everyone present, the priest's power of speech was immediately restored.

In November 1874, Archbishop Charles-Théodore Colet was installed as the new ordinary for Tours. He wasted no time in opening the sealed archives with the revelations of Sister Mary. He read them all and was so edified that he had them sent to the Benedictine Fathers at the Abbey of Solesmes where they were given the highest recommendations.<sup>8</sup>

In 1885, Pope Leo XIII endorsed this devotion by establishing an Archconfraternity of the Holy Face. In 1958, Pope Pius XII formally declared the Feast of the Holy Face of Jesus as Shrove Tuesday (the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday) for all Roman Catholics.

The Holy Man of Tours, now Venerable Leo Dupont, died in 1876 with his dream fulfilled. What he did not know was that Thérèse Martin, who was not yet two years old at the time, would carry on this devotion.

### **Reason for Saint Thérèse's Devotion to the Holy Face**

Besides Veronica's veil, the only other imprinted picture of Our Lord is His burial cloth, the Shroud of Turin. Both images are impressive because they depict Our Lord's Face as He wanted to be remembered. Whereas most people choose to look their best for the camera, Our Lord left two representations of His Divine Face that are very disfigured.

Saint Thérèse had such devotion to the Holy Face because of this distortion. It was the way in which her Divine Spouse chose to hide Himself.

"He whose kingdom is not of this world," Saint Thérèse once said, "showed me that true wisdom consists in desiring to be unknown and counted as nothing. Ah! I desired that, like the face of Jesus, my face be truly hidden, that no one on earth would know me. I thirsted after suffering and I longed to be forgotten." What a lesson for modern men who seek the limelight but are forgotten in death! Saint



Thérèse chose the opposite path and is loved the world over.

Our Lord's exemplary attitude also reminded her of the final illness of her father Louis Martin, who began to suffer more frequent strokes just after her entrance into Carmel.

"Just as Jesus' adorable Face was veiled during His Passion," the saint said, "so too the face of his faithful servant had to be veiled during the days of suffering, in order later to shine forth in the Heavenly Homeland next to his Lord." It was then that she

changed her religious name and began to sign her letters "Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the *Holy Face*."

#### **The Need for Other Saint Veronicas**

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ is unparalleled in history for its brutality. Of all the ill-treatment heaped upon Our Lord, however, none was more injurious to His infinite dignity as that directed at His adorable Face. "If I have spoken the truth why dost thou strike me," was His response to the buffet of a servant of the high priest. When

slapped, He meekly turned the other cheek and when His enemies went so far as to spit in His Face, he merely lowered His eyes. In such a way, He was wounded for our iniquities and bruised for our sins.<sup>9</sup>

This is a testimony to His enormous sacrifice for us. This treatment might have disfigured His Face and obscured its majesty, but it did not dampen the affection of His followers.

To love Our Lord in all of His splendor as upon Tabor is easy. It is quite another to love that same beauty veiled under the spittle, dust, sweat, and blood during His Passion.

Catholics today are therefore faced with a situation like that of Veronica. While Our Lord's enemies today cannot harm His person, they are crucifying Him again in His Mystical Body, the

Church. This is especially true for those within the Sacred Hierarchy who, like Judas, deny or even outright promote, the sinfulness of the LGBT lifestyle.

These insults which have become public and notorious demand public reparation. "Woe to those cities," Our Lord told Sister Mary, "that will not make this reparation."<sup>10</sup>

If Veronica had stayed home and did nothing, she would have remained anonymous in the face of the most monstrous crime in history. By doing otherwise she became the patron saint for all those who are willing to face the multitudes in defense of Our Savior. With a simple and public act of generosity, a previously nameless, anonymous individual walked out of obscurity onto the stage of history and, like Saint Thérèse, will never be forgotten. ■

All across America, everyday Catholics are becoming the new Veronicas, humbly wiping the "spittle" of blasphemy from the spiritual faces of Our Lord and Our Lady.

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# PROMISES

*to those who honor the*

## HOLY FACE OF JESUS

1. All those who honor My Face in a spirit of reparation will by doing so perform the office of the pious Veronica. According to the care they take in making reparation to My Face, disfigured by blasphemers, so will I take care of their souls which have been disfigured by sin. My Face is the seal of the Divinity, which has the virtue of reproducing in souls the image of God.
2. Those who by words, prayers or writing defend My cause in this work of reparation I will defend before My Father, and will give them My Kingdom.
3. By offering My Face to My Eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained.
4. By My Holy Face, they will work wonders, appease the anger of God and draw down mercy on sinners.
5. [Just] as in an [earthly] kingdom they can procure all that is desired with a coin stamped with the King's effigy, so in the Kingdom of Heaven they will obtain all they desire with the precious coin of My Holy Face.
6. Those who on earth contemplate the wounds of My Face shall in Heaven behold It radiant with glory.
7. They will receive in their souls a bright and constant irradiation of My Divinity, that by their likeness to My Face they shall shine with particular splendor in Heaven.
8. I will defend them, I will preserve them and I assure them of Final Perseverance.



# Our Viewers Write

Thousands recognize them from their strong street presence and thriving YouTube channel. Always on the front lines, TFP Student Action (TFPSA) defends moral values and tackles hot-button issues on the streets and on college campuses, where the truth is needed most. Better still, they record their captivating interactions with the public. As of early June of 2023, their channel has 214,000 subscribers and received over 63 million views.

**By the grace of God, many have come across the Fatima message by witnessing these young men on either the street or online through their videos. Below you will find comments from people who have been encouraged, inspired, or even converted by TFPSA.**

“Dear TFP Student Action, I hope this note finds you well. I am a student at Fordham University in the Bronx, New York, and would love for you to come do a campaign at the school. Despite being a Jesuit university, the school is extremely woke, has a gay poster on the front of the church, and donates money to Planned Parenthood and advocates for abortion. I would love for you to come to the school.”

**Marco B.**

“Hello. I’m a young woman going through RCIA right now and I have watched your videos for a few years, and so I am grateful to see the work you have done because it has influenced my decision to become Catholic, for which I say thank you.

What I am wondering is if there are any opportunities for me to show up to the rallies in the Portland, Oregon area. I don’t attend college or have any Catholic friends so I would love to know if you have any established groups to join or any website in which creating a group would be possible. Thank you for your time and any information you can provide. God Bless.”

**Skylar M.**

“I was one of the Canadians to come down and support the pro-life March in Washington! I’m a proud supporter of the Campaign Life Coalition in Canada. It was an absolute honor to see the movement in America, and made me tear up to see the first march after the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. The pro-life presence in America is incredible. Please keep that fire alive and keep fighting for the rights of the unborn. If you have the time, please pray for Canada as we try to catch up in the battle. The state of Canada and the world terrifies me, and it’s easy to lose hope. But what happened in America last year is proof that things can change for the better with God’s grace. God bless America.”

**M. Zerek**

“Hello TFP, I stumbled upon your YouTube channel. I was wondering if this is a school or organization? For I would like to attend here to be of service to God and his righteous ones. Currently I’m in my third year of my secondary school so I’m facing lots of obstacles that inhibit me from being who I was made to be. I hope I can join your establishment in the near future to help others who are struggling as God interceded for me.”

**Cesar G.**

“Blessings to you all for defending our Faith. I feel so excited and blessed to know that I am not alone in the spiritual war. Keep up the good fight.”

**Beatriz Z.**

“So glad this organization exists. I donate to you monthly, since you do so much great work that I have neither the means nor the courage to do.”

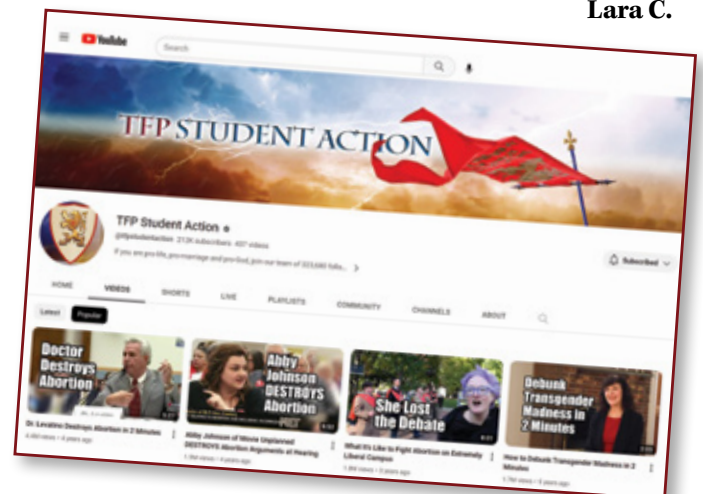
**Joshua R.**

“My brothers at TFP, God bless all that you guys do. I actually converted to Catholicism recently through a lot of your videos. Not only do you expose the heresy of this world, but you also actually preach a lot about Catholicism which struck me a lot, and is currently helping me in my journey through Catholicism. God bless brothers!”

**(YouTube comment)**

“Well as an agnostic all my life with doubts about God, I see clearly what the devil looks like. I’m all for free will and freedom of speech, and the more radical the left turns, the more people like me understand the concept of evil. Stay strong guys, I’m converting soon.”

**Lara C.**



Watch TFP Student Action videos on YouTube. Simply scan the QR code to the right, or paste this URL into your browser:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@tfpstudentaction/videos>







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JULY/AUGUST 2023

PROGRESS REPORT

## *From the Desk of Robert Ritchie*

Dear Soldier of Our Lady,

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” Yet, if Jesus were present in our world today, He would be deeply troubled by the immoral teachings exposed to children at school. We continue to hear stories about schools promoting graphic sexual education classes, LGBTQ/transgenderism curriculum, and pro-abortion teachings.

This sex education curriculum harms children’s innocence and parents’ sacred rights by promoting explicit pro-transgender, pro-homosexual, and pro-abortion content.

We must stand up to save schoolchildren and protect them from these immoral and blasphemous ideologies! God calls us to speak out against the promoters of impurity, especially when it perverts children!

I know you share my belief in the power of prayer. That’s why I ask you to help me in prayer and action. In August, a unique rosary rally campaign will take place to make reparation for these immoral teachings. I pray that you sign up today to become a rally captain and host a peaceful and legal rosary rally of reparation with your family and friends in public on any weekend in August.

It’s simple: e-mail Jose Ferraz at [Protest@TFP.org](mailto:Protest@TFP.org).

Please join me in praying to God and Our Lady for their continued protection of children.



Sincerely,  
In Jesus and Mary,

*Robert E. Ritchie*

Robert E. Ritchie,  
Executive Director



TAKEN FROM ANF'S PUBLICATION, *BATTLELINES*

### Ending Abortion and Saving Souls in Florida

A group of faithful TFP-ANF friends in Florida meets each week to host a rosary rally of reparation to spread the message of Our Lady and inspire others to lead a life devoted to God.

The group rotates and meets at Tropical Park in Miami Springs and Ponce de Leon Park in Coral Gables. Rally Captain Sergio has been organizing these rallies for years and said they have grown from having just two participants to sometimes dozens and even hundreds today.

In May, the group brought a statue of Our Lady to Mercy Hospital in Miami to pray for an end to abortion. They prayed the rosary and piously venerated a statue of Our Lady of Fatima that accompanies Sergio on all his rallies. For impact, "Protect Life" signs and a special ANF banner were displayed. The dedicated prayer warriors distributed flyers to the passersby and encouraged them to pray for life. Afterward, the hospital showed a video promoting the TFP and ANF.

"This was huge for us," Sergio said, "We continue to host rallies, and Our Lady always provides us with new prayer warriors or something significant happens to show Our Lady is pleased with our prayers."

Sergio said he feels exuberant when doing Our Lady's work. He even spread her message of prayer, penance, and amendment of life during a recent illness requiring hospitalization. Sergio recalled, "My doctor said, 'We cure people of their sickness.

But Our Lady and the TFP people cure the soul for eternal life. Their job is more important than ours!' That is Our Lady's doing. We can't do this without God and Our Lady."

Sergio encourages others to host their own rallies. He affirms, "You never know who will be impacted by this work!"

### Protecting Children Against Immorality at Libraries and Schools

The need to pray and act for the safety and protection of children is always great. Rally Captain Zulay answered Our Lady's call when she hosted a rosary rally of reparation against pornographic and LGBTQ-themed books in libraries and schools.

Zulay held the rally in front of the Regional West Library of Cape Coral, Florida, and said the library staff was accommodating in setting up the rally.

Zulay said, "I went to the library, and they assigned me a place to pray. They were very nice. We also talked with a woman who suggested we host another rosary rally to pray against internet access without parental control for children. We want to create a positive message about Our Lady and God on social media, which impacts young people and children."

### Three Days of Rosary Rallies Against Satanic Conference in Boston

Hundreds of TFP-ANF members and supporters from thirteen





states gathered in Boston to hold peaceful, prayerful, and powerful rosary rallies of reparation for three consecutive days in April against the Satanic Temple's Satancon.

The Satanic Temple marketed the conference as "a weekend of blasphemy" and its "largest gathering in history." But our rosary rally warriors were prepared to thwart this Satanic public event.

Over 150 people attended each rally and prayed the rosary, the Litany of Our Lady, the Divine Praises, and other prayers. The St. Louis de Montfort Academy band played Marian and patriotic hymns with drums, brass, fifes, and bagpipes while the prayer warriors sang along.

One supporter said, "We knew it was our duty to come here and fight. In a time like this, bravery must step in even if we are intimidated or scared, because we need to support Our Lady."

Another added, "We can't ignore Satanism because it touches innocent minds, and we need to show innocent minds that God is here for us."

The prayer warriors are consoled that victory is guaranteed. Scripture describes Our Lady's victory over the serpent: "I will place enmity between you and the woman, between your offspring and hers, and she shall crush your head with her heel" (Gen. 3:15).

One participant declared, "If Our Lady is stepping on the serpent, what are we doing? We should be right behind her to support her. She gives us the courage to come out here and help her crush the serpent's head."

More than 59,000 supporters signed petitions asking the Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel to cancel the event, saying that they and 1.9 million Catholics in Boston do not want children in harm's way and do not favor public blasphemy against God.

### Diabolical Shows Canceled

The power of prayer works! TFP-ANF supporters across the country have held rosary rallies of reparation against the diabolical Paranormal Cirque and have seen many of these

evil shows canceled due to the peaceful and legal protests.

One successful protest occurred at Saucon Valley Middle School in Hellertown, Pennsylvania. In San Jose, California, a rosary rally group prayed at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds after the cancellation of three shows there. During the rally, they held a banner that read, "We are one nation under God where Satanism has no place!"

Rally Captain Philip said of the San Jose cancellations, "We immediately interpreted this as a victory over evil, which was forced to step back because of all the protests of the [rosary] groups around the country! The protest concluded with enthusiasm from our participants, who were grateful to offer reparation to Our Lord and Our Lady."

### Protests Against Drag Queen Story Hours Make a Difference

God has heard the voices of dedicated rosary rally captains who hosted peaceful protest rallies against Drag Queen Story Hours (DQSH) and other immoral events.

Last fall, Drag Queen events in Illinois, Idaho, Texas, and Washington were canceled due to the power of prayer and public outcry.

Recently, Rally Captain Noemi held two rosary rallies in Maryland to protest DQSH events, including one at a library. She told TFP-ANF, "God and Our Lady of Fatima protected us from any harm that could happen to us. Thank you for the opportunity to intercede for those poor helpless children!"

Rally Captain Jacqueline also held a successful rally against a DQSH in Cedar Park, Texas.

Each rally makes a difference because the participants answer Our Lady's call for public prayer and help to stop sinful events.

Contact Jose Ferraz toll-free at (844) 830-3570 or e-mail him at [Protest@TFP.org](mailto:Protest@TFP.org); he will help you organize your peaceful, legal rosary rally.





# Demonstrations of Love at Fatima

BY MICHAEL GORRE

Ever since Our Lady appeared in Fatima on May 13, 1917, pilgrims have gathered at her shrine in Portugal every year, especially on the anniversaries of her appearances in May and in October. This year saw the return of massive crowds of pilgrims after the ending of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

Together with longtime America Needs Fatima member Michael King, I visited the places graced by Our Lady of Fatima just over a hundred years ago. Our mission was to pray for the intentions of all America Needs Fatima members and benefactors, and to deliver names, prayer petitions, consecration pledges, candles, and flowers on their behalf.

On the night of May 12, we joined over 230,000 pilgrims in the Cova da Iria to pray the Holy Rosary and to participate in the candlelight procession while bearing the names of ANF members on a special banner and carrying the American flag.

When the pilgrims raised their candles in the air between decades of the rosary, the hundreds of thousands of flames formed an uninterrupted sea of fire, and the multitude of voices thundered “*Ave, ave Maria!*” in unison. Adding our prayers and voices to that great demonstration of love to Our Lady on behalf of ANF members moved us almost to tears and gave us a lot of goosebumps!

The following day, the actual anniversary of Our Lady’s first apparition, the same crowds gathered for the Holy Rosary, Mass, and for the farewell or “*despedida*” procession. Exchanging candles for white handkerchiefs, the faithful waved their farewells as the statue of Our Lady of Fatima

processed back to her normal place, the exact spot where Our Lady had appeared. As Our Lady’s statue passed, the enthusiastic pilgrims threw multi-colored rose petals and shouted, “*Viva Maria Sanctissima! Viva!*” (Long live Mary Most Holy!).

After the crowds dispersed, we brought a hundred pounds of prayer petitions and consecration pledges and deposited them inside the Chapel of the Apparitions. We presented a white wreath full of thousands of little rosettes sent by ANF members.

Then we presented five large candles made from the many thousands of smaller ones sent by ANF members. Each candle weighed almost ten pounds. We also presented several thousand roses on behalf of ANF members who sponsored Mother’s Day roses to the Mother of all Mothers. We made a point to pray before the tombs of Saints Jacinta and Francisco on behalf of all ANF members and benefactors.

Seeing and participating in these public and massive demonstrations of love for Our Lady and seeing the outpouring of devotion from Americans, as represented by the numerous symbolic offerings we presented, gives us hope.

As we continue America Needs Fatima’s mission of conquering the heart and soul of America for Our Lady, we must confide that each act of reparation, each rosary rally, and every prayer for poor sinners we offer will make our hearts and the hearts of our countrymen ever like the Immaculate Heart of dearest Mother Mary. ■





# God vs. Satan: The Spiritual Battle in Boston Against SatanCon

BY JON PAUL FABRIZIO

We are living in a world that accepts the unacceptable. One recent example is the 2023 SatanCon held in Boston on April 28–30. This Satanic gathering, hosted by The Satanic Temple, was billed as “the largest in history.” Some 800 Satanists attended.

The event was also promoted as a “weekend of blasphemy.” It included a workshop on how to turn abortion into a Satanic ritual, a Satanic “marketplace,” “unbaptism ceremonies,” and a Satanic “wedding chapel.”

This open mockery of the Church and Her sacraments is part of the Satanist effort to mainstream their agenda into society and the public square.

## A Reaction Against Satan and All His Works

The much-publicized event was held at the Marriot Hotel in the downtown of one of the nation’s largest cities. The complicit media streamed images of pentagrams, Satanic statues, black costumes, and cries of “Hail Satan.” The Satanists did everything possible to make this event impossible to ignore.



Opposing this blasphemous program, protesters from all over the country converged on Boston to hold peaceful, powerful, and prayerful rosary rallies of reparation daily. The protest was a way to put into practice our Catholic baptismal vows to “reject Satan and all his works.”

The rallies were organized by the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP)

and its America Needs Fatima campaign. TFP members were joined by the TFP-staffed St. Louis de Montfort Academy students, who enthusiastically participated and prayed. TFP Student Action live-streamed the rallies over its powerful channel.

Scores of local Catholics attended the rallies. In addition to Massachusetts, protest participants came from over ten states.

## The Clash Between the Sons of Light and Darkness

The contrast was stark. On one side were rosaries, hymns, and a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima carried by TFP members wearing their distinctive ceremonial habits. On the other, there were curses, screams, and pentagrams. All who passed by faced a clear choice between good and evil.

A sizable number expressed their support for the rallies. Many drove by the scene, honking and giving gestures of support. Unaware of the event, some passersby thanked us for standing up against this outrage. One police officer said, “If I wasn’t working right now, I’d be praying with you.” The next day, he arrived in civilian clothing to pray against Satanism.

## Hatred and “Tolerance”

Unfortunately, not everyone in Boston was so supportive.

The Satanists at the Marriott Hotel expressed their anger in vile ways. Incapable of engaging in a logical and meaningful debate, they cursed and made vulgar gestures as they passed in their cars. Others cynically mocked the prayer warriors.

In addition to curses, the Catholics faced blasphemy. As the Catholics loudly sang “Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above,” one Satanist mocked the hymn with his own perverse lyrics. The opposition even got physical when an enraged and



cursing individual shoved a TFP member on the sidewalk.

Rally participants faced this type of conduct all weekend. Everyone realized that if Satanism goes unopposed, this blasphemous behavior will become the “new normal.”

## True Freedom Has No Place for Satan

Some try to reduce the debate to an expression of “religious freedom.” However, we must remember that true freedom consists of freedom from the slavery of sin. This is because true freedom is the freedom to do good; there is no freedom to do evil. Like a strong drug, vice and depravity destroy the lives of individuals. Thus, the Catholic Church is the greatest defender of freedom, as she helps her members reject evil in every form including Satanism.

For the same reason, Satanism is the greatest anti-freedom movement in existence. It deceives people by promoting every kind of depravity and vice. It has no right to corrupt people and put them on the path to perdition.

## Our Victory Is Guaranteed

The prayer warriors are consoled that victory is guaranteed. Scripture describes Our Lady’s victory over the serpent: “I will place enmity between you and the woman, between your offspring and hers, and she shall crush your head with her heel” (Gen. 3:15). ■



# TFP Conferences Engage Attendees Who Want Change in Society

BY FRANCIS J. SLOBODNIK



Each spring the American TFP and America Needs Fatima offers regional conferences across the United States. It is not always possible for supporters and friends to attend the annual national conference in October. Regional conferences make it possible to listen to some of the speakers from our national conference and hear their presentations.

The national conference lasts two days and thus provides a lot of material. In addition, some speakers present new material. Some regional conferences last an entire day, others last half a day. There are at least two presentations offered, which include sit-down meals or hors-d'oeuvres.

The first conference took place in February in Clermont, Florida. The final conference took place in May in Sacramento, California.

A variety of topics were addressed by well-seasoned speakers.

Matthew Carlson spoke about "Where We Need to Go: Christendom and Organic Christian Society." He showed how it is not enough to desire changes in our

society. It is important to present proposals to reestablish authentic Christian civilization.

Walter Camier spoke at the Regional Conference in Hazleton, Pennsylvania about "Christian and Organic Christian Society." This was a presentation explaining in some detail what an organic Christian society is.

Michael Chad Shibley spoke about "How Technology Harms Children: What Parents and Grandparents Need to Know!" Many agree that modern technology does more harm than good. Mr. Shibley spoke about the deep elements behind the problems with technology, giving parents and grandparents a better handle on the moral and metaphysical principles behind the misuse of technology.

Michael Whitcraft spoke about "In Response to Our Brutal and Vulgar Society: An Appeal to the Sublime." We are ambushed by brutality and vulgarity everywhere we go. Mr. Fulkerson's presentation offered good strategies to fight these verbal, visual, and auditory assaults.

In Lafayette, Louisiana, Thomas Drake and Alvaro Zapata spoke about "A Brief Glimpse at Where the Revolution is Today." Satan never sleeps, neither does his Revolution. Understanding in what direction society is currently heading allows Catholics to oppose its influence and create tactics and strategies to oppose these trends.

John Paul Tomba and William Gossett spoke about the activities of TFP Student Action, which engages in Counter-Revolutionary actions in person, at universities, library boards, movie theaters, and more. They vigorously, yet always peacefully and legally, engage in public debates about abortion, same-sex "marriage," Drag Queen events, public blasphemies, socialism, communism, and other hot-button issues.

Michael Gorre and Gregory Oehl spoke about "TFP Reports from the Battlefield." Whenever such a report is offered, it reminds one of the words of Sir Winston Churchill, that, "never was so much owed by so many to so few." The TFP defends Christian civilization whenever and wherever possible, many times at short notice. Besides direct action, the TFP and America Needs Fatima also maintain informative web-sites, publish books and articles, as well as a bi-monthly magazine. They also guide and inspire local friends and supporters to become active in holding Public Square Rosary Rallies, rallies of reparation, creating online petitions and protests, and more.

Author of *Return to Order*, John Horvat spoke about "Satan's Dream: the Extinction of the Human Race." For many years there has been an element that has believed human beings are a plague on the planet and that the best thing would be for humanity to cease to exist. Mr. Horvat showed how Catholics can thwart these efforts that revolt against God and His order.

The regional conferences help attendees understand grave problems and provide them with tactics and strategies that can be used to fight back. ■





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The twelve intrepid young Catholic men who walked 133 miles of the Camino de Santiago, offering their prayers for all members and supporters of America Needs Fatima

location of Saint James' tomb. He immediately informed the bishop, who ordered the entire area to be searched. Upon clearing the ground, the bishop's men discovered a crypt containing the remains of Saint James and two of his disciples.

Word of the discovery spread rapidly across Spain. When Alphonsus II, the king of Asturias, heard about the miracle, he immediately began walking to the site from the city of Oviedo. By the time he reached *Santiago*, the king had traveled nearly 200 miles.

Countless pilgrims soon followed the king's good example, and the *Camino de Santiago* was born. And now, twelve TFP pilgrims, are among those who have completed this beautiful pilgrimage.

### The Portuguese Route

The first step when walking the *Camino* is choosing a starting point. There are countless routes. The shortest routes measure around sixty-two miles (100 kilometers). However, some traditional starting points can be found across Spain, France, Portugal, England, Germany, Italy, Croatia, and even as far as Lithuania! For most medieval pilgrims, the starting place was their front doors.

We decided to take the Portuguese way. This route proved to be a perfect combination of ornate shrines and beautiful panoramas. In addition, this 133-mile route took nine days to complete, which aligned perfectly with our schedule.

### The Intentions

Upon embarking on our pilgrimage, we presented Saint James with our intentions. The primary intention was to make reparation for the sin of abortion, which is responsible for the death of over 60 million Americans. We also sought to offer reparation for other sins, including Drag Queen Story Hours, assisted suicide, and public Satanism.

### "No Complaining and No Taxis"

And encounter sacrifices we did. We all knew that at some point, 133 miles would begin to take its toll. We all experienced pain, whether in the form of blisters, cramping, shin splints, piercing soreness or all of the above.

On some days, there was nowhere to stop for lunch. In these

cases, we ignored our hunger and kept walking. Sometimes, there was no time to let our laundry dry, and we had to walk wearing wet clothes.

Thus, there were two big temptations. First, suffering often prompts us to look for sympathy from others in the form of complaints. Second, the pilgrim would think the suffering is not worth it and be tempted to take a taxi ride to the hotel.

These temptations were foreseeable. We made an agreement before we left that there was to be no complaining and no taxis, no matter how hard things got. Sometimes it was difficult, but all the pilgrims kept their word.

### A Thoroughly Catholic Journey

This perseverance paid off, as we received innumerable graces when walking the *Camino*.

The notably Catholic ambience provided the occasions for these graces. We came across countless chapels, shrines, and stone crosses. These were all erected for pilgrims looking to keep their pilgrimage to *Santiago* a prayerful one.

We also prayed quick invocations to Our Lady or the saints as we passed these shrines. We would stop at pious chapels and join three times daily for a group rosary.

### The Arrival

After nine days of joy and suffering, we approached our final destination: *Santiago de Compostella*. We began to see the majestic towers of the Cathedral appear on the horizon over the other buildings. We turned corner after corner until we found ourselves before the Cathedral's façade. At first, everyone was speechless—we stood there and admired the sight we had just walked 133 miles to visit.

Then we joined together in praying the three loudest "Hail Marys" of our lives. After this, we cried out three times, "*Viva Santiago de Compostella!*" Many of the other pilgrims were touched by our prayers and greeted our group with loud applause.

After this, we entered the Cathedral and walked directly to the tomb of Saint James, where we knelt down and silently gave thanks for his help along the way. ■

# PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO:

A JOURNEY  
OF PRAYER,  
SUFFERING,  
AND JOY

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## ON GOOD FRIDAY

of this year, twelve members of TFP Student Action embarked on a 133-mile pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella, Spain, which is the burial place of Saint James the Greater.

### The History of the Camino

After Pentecost, the twelve apostles traveled abroad to fulfill Our Lord's command: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19).

To fulfill this divine commission, Saint James traveled to Hispania (modern-day Spain) and began his apostolic efforts. Despite immense difficulties, Saint James persevered and gave Spain her first Catholics. His

sacrifices laid the foundation for what would become one of the most Catholic countries in the world.

Following his martyrdom in Jerusalem some years later, some of the saint's disciples took his remains back to Spain. However, as time passed, the exact location of his burial place was forgotten due to Roman, barbarian, and Moorish invasions.

However, in the ninth century, a spectacular miracle revealed the location of the apostle's tomb to a hermit named Pelayo. As he was praying, he saw in the distance a star suddenly appear above a nearby forest. The star shone with an unprecedented brilliance, leaving the pious hermit perplexed.

While trying to discern the meaning of this extraordinary event, Pelayo remembered that the star was above the same forest that was rumored to be the

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